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**Subject:** Fire Alarm Response – 2441 Haste Street, Berkeley CA.

On May 27, 2009 the Berkeley Fire Department responded to alarm activation at 2441 Haste Street, Sequoia Apartments, Berkeley California. It has been identified that numerous responses has been made to this address. Below is a report I recently received from a responding Company Officer to said property.

"I wanted to pass along some information regarding the property located at 2441 Haste St. (Sequoia Apt). Apparently there have been multiple alarms there over the last few months that we are not aware of because the alarm system is local only and not monitored. Yesterday, the B Shift was called out to an alarm and upon arrival discovered the alarm had been silenced and reset by building manager, which is a common occurrence per the residents. This is a residential over commercial, multi level, multi unit structure that has been written up multiple times with no compliance from building owner. We were able to find a contact number to building manager, Jose Leon (316-3819) and Alfredo Ornelas (848-4827) but they were not much help. They say the building owner has the violation notices, but has done nothing to make repairs."

These are major fire life safety concerns that must not and cannot go unrecognized any further; your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated. I would like to meet with you at the location so we can address these issues and provide a time line to achieve compliance in accordance with the California Fire Code and Berkeley Municipal Fire Code. I can be reached at 510.981-5582.

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Cc: S. Riggs, Acting Fire Marshal  
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Attachment: BFD Fire Report Date: 5/27/2009